

Minutes – Joint Meeting
Security Committee- Hollywood Entertainment District, Sunset and Vine BID
December 10, 2009

Attendance: HED Committee Members Present: John Tronson, Chairperson; Thaddeus Smith, Carol Massie, Dan Chismire. Not Present: Hilary Royce. SVBID Committee Members Present: Fabio Conti, Fred Rosenthal, Patrick Russell. Not Present: Travis Serpa, Chairperson; Richard Falzone, Brian Folb. Liaisons: Captain Bea Girmala, Officer Danny Pesqueira, LAPD; Steve Seyler, Andrews International; Angela Motta, CD-13. Staff: Joe Mariani Jr., Hollywood Property Owners Alliance.

- I. Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairperson John Tronson at 10:08 p.m.
- II. Public Comment: There were no public comments.
- III. Minutes: **The minutes were tabled until the Committee's January 2010 meeting.**

IV. Reports

A. Report from Andrews International: Steve Seyler gave the report for activity in the BID through the end of November. Seyler reported that with the help of Kerry Morrison, the Andrews officers were able to reach out to the Department of Mental Health, in order to have them come out and assess some of the more chronic homeless individuals in the BID area. Seyler also informed the Committee that he had recently hired a new part-time officer, Courtney Kanagi, who also serves as a member of PATH's Hero team.

B. Report from LAPD: Captain Girmala reported that crime is currently down in the Entertainment District 23%. In addition to this Captain Girmala, thanked the Andrews International officers for all of their arrests and help with those who are caught drinking in public in the BID. Thanks to their efforts, aggravated assaults in the BID are also down this year. Captain Girmala also said she is working with the City Attorney's office to try to get a new neighborhood prosecutor for Hollywood, however with the recent budget crisis a new attorney to replace Will Rivera is not guaranteed. Lastly, Captain Girmala reported that homicides related to gang violence were down this year 22%.

C. Report from LA Sheriff's Department: No Sheriffs were present at the meeting.

V. New Business

A. CUP Renewal Reform Task Force: Thaddeus Smith briefed the committee on a meeting that took place at the Chamber with several business owners, Chamber President Bill Farrar and representatives from the City's Planning Department. Smith said that the meeting seemed to yield positive feedback, and it looks as though the CUP renewal process could

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possibly be altered, but not at least for a year. Due to the budget crisis, many City Planning Department employees and Zoning Administrators are choosing to take an early retirement. That being the case, Michael from the Zoning section asked that the BID and business owners take part in a letter campaign asking that the department be given permission to hire new Zoning Authorities to fill the gap before March of next year. Thaddeus Smith said that the topic will be discussed at the next BID board meeting.

B. Twitter Food Truck Update: John Tronson informed the committee that the BID is continuing its neutral stance on the issue, however Morrison had reached out to the Health Department to get more information on the subject and had not heard anything back yet. Angela Motta also offered to reach out to the Health Department and to have them attend a committee meeting.

C. Master Valet Parking Permit: Angela Motta distributed to the committee a copy of the report done by the Chief Legislative Analyst on the proposed valet parking program. The proposed program would address issues with valets and contain an enforcement policy that would be handled by the Police Commission. On Wednesday, December 16, 2009 at City Hall, City Council will discuss the idea and then give the plan to the City Attorney to draft the language for the ordinance. Motta encouraged those who are able to attend council that morning to go and show their support for the policy.

VI. New Business

A. Tour Bus Operator Regulations and Enforcement: A discussion ensued related to sidewalk issues in the BID, specifically pertaining to tour bus company kiosks, characters and illegal vendors. Carol Massie informed the committee that with the help of a fellow BID stakeholder and Andrews International video evidence is being compiled to show the everyday actions tour company operators are taking on the Boulevard. John Tronson asked why it was not possible to have an ordinance drafted to help limit the amount of activity occurring on the sidewalk. Motta said that due to first amendment rights it may be difficult to draft such an ordinance. Captain Girmala suggested that Motta put together a meeting with the Council President and new City Attorney Trutanich to discuss the issue, and see what kind of ordinance could be drafted. Captain Girmala offered to also contact some other LAPD Management staff, such as Assistant Chief Mike Downing, to see if they could also attend the meeting.

VII. Next Meeting: The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 14, 2009 at 10:00 A.M. in suite 200 of the Taft Building (1680 Vine St., Los Angeles, CA. 90028).

VIII. Adjournment: There being no further business the meeting was adjourned by Committee Chairperson John Tronson at 11:15 A.M.